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SUMMARY. YOMIURI JANUARY 18 CARRIED WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT ALLEGING TOKYO US EMBASSY SERVED AS BASE FOR CIA FAR EAST ACTIVITIES AIMED PRIMARILY AT CHINA FROM 1960-1965. REPORT MENTIONED WILLIAM BROE AND WILLIAM NELSON BY NAME AND INCLUDED REISCHAUER COMMENT. SAME PAPER JANUARY 19 CARRIED ADDITIONAL WASHINGTON DISPATCH DESCRIBING ALLEGED 1966 CIA KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT IN TOKYO. IN THIS ACCOUNT, DAVID MURPHY AND THOMAS RYAN WERE DESCRIBED AS CIA OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LOW KEY INQUIRIES FROM JAPANESE MEDIA REQUESTING INFORMATION ON EMBASSY ORGANIZATION, NUMBERS AND FUNCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

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1. YOMIURI JANUARY 18 CARRIED REPORT BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT TAKAHAMA ALLEGING THAT TOKYO SERVED AS CIA'S FAR EAST BASE DURING 1960-1965. STORY WAS ATTRIBUTED TO KNOWLEDGEABLE "US INTELLIGENCE SOURCES"

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AND "FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS." STORY STATES

WILLIAM BORE AND WILLIAM NELSON WERE THEN STATIONED IN TOKYO AND DESCRIBED BROE AS CURRENTLY CIA FAR EAST OFFICE DIRECTOR. IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH, BROE IS DESCRIBED AS PRESENT "DIRECTOR OF CIA INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES BUREAU" WITH HIGHEST RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECRET OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA AND ITALY. AIM OF CIA AT THE TIME, ACCORDING TO STORY, WAS U-2 RECONNAISSANCE OF CHINA AND BALLON DISTRIBUTION OF PAMPHLETS AND HANDBILLS TO CHINESE URGING THEM TO FLEE TO HONG KONG. HARVARD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR REISCHAUER, THEN US AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO, US QUOTED AS SAYING HE KNOWS BOTH BROE AND NELSON AS ACQUAINTANCES BUT DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON THEIR MISSION. HE REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE MISSION OF THE CIA IN KAPAN WAS PURELY COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE WITHOUT "DIRTY TRICKS." REISCHAUER REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID THAT CIA AGENTS CERTAINLY DID NOT INTERFERE WITH JAPAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, THAT CIA ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN SERVED BOTH JAPAN AND THE US AND THAT THEY WERE FULLY KNOWN TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

2. YOMIURI CARRIED ANOTHER DISPATCH FROM CORRESPONDENT TAKAHAMA JANUARY 19 CONCERNING AN ALLEGED CIA KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT IN 1966. TAKAHAMA WROTE THAT A "FORMER CIA STAFF MEMBER" REVEALED TO HIM THAT ON MARCH 17, 1966 TWO ALLEGED CIA OFFICIALS ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP A KGB AGENT IN TOKYO. ACCORDING TO TAKAHAMA ACCOUNT, A DAVID MRUPHY, THEN "DIRECTOR OF THE SOVIET UNION AND COMMUNIST BLOC OFFICE OF THE CIA INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES BUREAU" AND HIS SUBORDINATE, THOMAS RYAN, A SOVIET UNION AND COMMUNIST BLOC EXPERT, AND A COLUMBIAN CIA AGENT NAMED JOSE MIGUEL MONEBA CARDERON (PHONETIC) ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY POKROVSKY. THE ATTEMPT FAILED WHEN A JAPANESE APARTMENT MANAGER CALLED THE POLICE WHO REPORTEDLY, ALONG WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, DECIDED TO TREAT THE MATTER AS A SIMPLE FIST FIGHT. ONE MONTH LATER THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTEDLY PROTESTED THE INCIDENT TO US AUTHORITIES, BUT THE US REJECTED THE PROTEST. END UNCLASSIFIED. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

3. OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL LOW KEY TELEPHONE CALLS FROM CORRESPONDENTS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAPANESE DAILIES. IN GENERAL THEY HAVE REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT EMBASSY STAFFING PATTERNS, THE NUMBER OF EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS. THUS FAR, WE HAVE BEEN TURNING THESE INQUIRIES ASIDE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. SHOESMITH

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